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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Eastern DIVISION

(Write the full name of the plaintiff in this action.
Include prisoner registration number.)

QUINCY VAUGHN #1081978
v. Plaintiff

THOMAS A. Gullett, COI
John Doe Weir, COI
John Doe Pacheco
et al

(Write the full name of each defendant. The caption
must include the names of **all** of the parties.
Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(a). Merely listing one party and
writing "et al." is insufficient. Attach additional
sheets if necessary.)

Case No: 4:19-cv-02566-JAR
(to be assigned by Clerk of District Court)

Plaintiff Requests Trial by Jury

☒ Yes ☐ No

PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

NOTICE:

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Except as noted in this form, plaintiff should not send exhibits, affidavits, witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the \$400.00 filing fee or an application to proceed without prepayment of fees and costs.

I. The Parties to this Complaint

A. The Plaintiff

Name: Quince Vaughn

Other names you have used: _____

Prisoner Registration Number: 1081978

Current Institution: _____

Indicate your prisoner status:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pretrial detainee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convicted and sentenced state prisoner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civilly committed detainee | <input type="checkbox"/> Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration detainee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____ |

B. The Defendant(s)

To the best of your knowledge, give the information below for each defendant named in the caption of this complaint. Make sure the defendant(s) named below are the same as those listed in the caption of this complaint. Attach additional pages if necessary.

For an individual defendant, include the person's job title, and check whether you are suing the individual in his or her individual capacity, official capacity, or both.

Defendant 1

Name: Thomas A. Gullett

Job or Title: Man a Correctional Officer II

Badge/Shield Number: ?

Employer: MI DOC / Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center
2727 Plaza Drive, P.O. Box 2365 Jefferson City, MO 65102/

Address: 2727 Highway 45 Bonne Terre, MO 63626

☒ Individual Capacity ☐ Official Capacity

Defendant #1
 COT Thomas A. Gullett

On September 5, 2018 the above correctional officer assaulted my person while I was handcuffed to the back (with my hands behind my back). The stated officer was conducting an improper strip out or attempting to ~~make it~~ to conduct a strip out while I was in a single pair of handcuffs. This officer was summoned to 2D114 by COT Pacheco attempting to make it seem as if I was refusing his directives to strip out, when in all actuality this was an impossible task. At this moment COT Gullett gave me a directive to strip out. However, I can't comply with this directive because my hands are cuffed behind my back. Gullett then gives me a directive to put "my nose on the wall." I complied. The stated officer then stepped towards me (Pacheco and Weir are just standing there watching the situation unfold. Weir is standing inside the cell at the doorway and Pacheco is standing next to Weir) and grabbed my pants and boxers all in one motion and aggressively began to yank them down. I stepped away from him and stated that's a P.R.E.A. because a c.o. is never suppose to put his hands on an inmate during a routine strip out. COT Gullett then states that's not a P.R.E.A. Without another word he smashes

my face into the concrete wall, than he picked me up and body slams me face 1st into the concrete floor of my cell.

The officers actions were excessive in nature in violation of ~~the~~ Missouri's Constitution Bill of Rights Section 21 and the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment rights which states "excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment ~~imposed~~ imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted. ~~can~~ Gullett is also in violation of RSMo (2016) 217.405 and 217.410 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)

Note: This incident took place during the sometime as defendant 2 and 3 on September 5, 2018 and same place.

~~2~~
Defendant ~~X~~

Name: John Doe Pacheco

Job or Title: Correctional Officer

Badge/Shield Number: N/A

Employer: Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center / MDOC

Address: 2729 Plaza Drive Drive, P.O. Box 2365 Jefferson City MO 65107
2727 Highway Ks Bonne Terre, Missouri 63626



Individual Capacity



Official Capacity

II. Statement of Claim

Type, or neatly print, a short and plain statement of the **FACTS** that support your claim(s). For every defendant you have named in this complaint, you must state what he or she personally did to harm you. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Do not make legal arguments, or cite court cases or statutes. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

Your statement of claim must include all of the following information:

1. What happened to you?
2. When did it happen?
3. Where did it happen?
4. What injuries did you suffer?
5. What did each defendant personally do, or fail to do, to harm you?

Defendant #2

John Noe COT Pacheco

COT Pacheco was present before the assault took place on my person by COT Gullett and witnessed the entire assault but did nothing to stop Gullett in his excessive actions. In fact, after the assault was complete and I laid bloody and unconscious on the floor of cell (2D114) Pacheco helped COT Gullett disrobe me and further contaminate the crime scene while I was unconscious.

While I was unconscious it is possible COT Pacheco assaulted me as well.

Bell v. Lombardi, 2016 U.S. O.S. LEXIS 6820 clearly establishes that officers have a duty to stop their fellow co-worker from engaging in prisoner abuse. The fact that COT Pacheco stood by at the very least and watched Gullett apply force which was excessive violates Missouri's Constitution Bill of Rights section 21 and the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. This Officer is also in violation of RSMO (2016) 217.405 and 217.410 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)

Note: This incident took place at the same time on September 5, 2018 as defendant 1 and defendant 3

RIGHTS VIOLATED

All defendants named herein this amended complaint shall or should satisfy Fed. R. Civ. P. 20(a)(2) which all defendants were present at the time the incident took place, and were either directly responsible for the excessive use of force or indirectly responsible as a matter of law. See *Bell vs. Lombardi*, 2016 U.S. Dis LEXIS.

The defendants are in violation of Missouri's Constitution Bill of Rights section 21 and the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. These officers are also in violation of RSMO (2016) Chapter 217.405 and 217.410(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)

not Tyler Weir

This officer was present before the assault took place on my person by ~~not~~ Gullett and witnessed the entire assault but did nothing to stop Gullett in his excessive actions. In fact, after the assault was complete and I layed bloody and unconscious on the floor of cell (2014). Weir helped ~~not~~ Gullett disrobe me and further contaminate the crime scene while I was unconscious.

While I was unconscious it is possible ~~not~~ Weir assaulted me as well. Bell v. Lombardi, 2016 U.S. DIS LEXIS have a duty to stop their fellow co-worker from engaging in prisoner abuse. The fact that ~~not~~ Weir stood by at the very least and watched Gullett commit force which was excessive violates Missouri's Constitution Bill of Rights section 21 and the U.S. Constitution's 8th Amendment right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment. This officer is also in violation of KSMO (2016) 217.405 and 217.410 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)

(10) Note: This incident took place at the sometime on September 5, 2018 as defendant 1 and 2 and same place

III. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

The injuries I sustained was a broken nose (directly in the center of the nose where the nose begins), a fracture on the right side of my nose, a tri-fracture directly under the right side of my right eye, and my right cheekbone was literally shattered with multiple fractures. As a result of these injuries I needed extensive surgery to correct the listed damages. I also had a metal plate placed in my face where the tri-fracture was fixed to hold the bones in my eye together. It was said the plate will be there permanently. I was also diagnosed with P.T.S.D. due to such trauma and am receiving no outside counseling which is very much needed.

IV. Relief

State briefly and precisely what you want the Court to do for you. Do not make legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If you are requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages you are claiming. Explain why you believe you are entitled to recover those damages.

I am requesting \$3,000,000.00 in punitive damages. I am requesting another \$800,000.00 in pain and suffering/emotional and psychological distress injuries. I am also seeking injunctive relief. If the court can mediate some type of out of court settlement I'd be open to that. Last I would like the court to issue an order to the prison to mandate I receive "counseling" sessions from an outside therapist.

V. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies/Administrative Procedures

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA") 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

- A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, name the jail, prison or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s):

Eastern Reception Diagnostic Center

- B. Does the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Do not know

- C. If yes, does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

It covers my claims of excessive use of force which is a violation of Missouri's Constitution Bill of Rights section 21 and the U.S. Constitution 8th amendment right which states ^{excessive bail shall not} required; nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☒ Yes

☐ No

E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

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2. What did you claim in your grievance? (Attach a copy of your grievance, if available)

I was beat up in handcuffs by COIT Thomas A. Gullett and possibly COIT Weir and COIT Pacheco. COIT Gullett picked me up and body slammed me head 1st into the concrete floor knocking me unconscious but not before smashing my face against a concrete wall. Weir and Pacheco at the very least helped Gullett remove my bloody clothing.

3. What was the result, if any? (Attach a copy of any written response to your grievance, if available)

The use of force committee stated the officer acted well within right to get the alleged situation under control. (this was at the grievance level) The grievance appeal response refused to further address my complaint stating I did not file my complaint in time which is not the truth and violates RSMo chapter (2016) 217.410(10)

Affidavit

I Larry Vaughn Sr. personally appeared before the undersigned notary public, and under oath or affirmation make the following statements:

I Larry Vaughn Sr. spoke with Chris Neiman of the Central Office Constituent Services (via telephone) in October 2018 in regards to an assault on my son, Quincy Vaughn #1081978 by Sgt. Gullett. At that time, you mentioned that Quincy needed to file a grievance (IRR). After receiving information from Quincy that he had already filed an IRR, I spoke to Mr. Neiman again in October, 2018 and related this information to him and he confirmed that he saw that Quincy did in fact file an IRR/Incident report and that something that serious could not be swept under the rug. He (Mr. Neiman) stated that the whole incident of excessive use of force was under investigation. He (Mr. Neiman) also indicated that Quincy was doing what he needs to do and if he's not satisfied with the answer he receives (from the prison staff), that he should exhaust all the steps in the grievance process.

In January 2019, I again contacted Mr. Neiman and told him that Quincy related that when he inquired about the status of his IRR (regarding excessive use of force by Sgt. Gullett) prison staff stated that they had lost it, then they later said that he'd never filed it. During this conversation Mr. Neiman acted as though he never mentioned that he saw Quincy had filed an IRR. Mr. Neiman then related that Quincy needed to file an IRR for excessive use of force, as if he (Quincy) never filed one.

Larry Vaughn Sr.
Signature of Affiant

11/20/19
Date

State of Missouri

County of Jackson County

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) be me on NOVEMBER 20, 2019

by Larry Vaughn
Printed name of individual making statement

Who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.

Produced identification

Type of ID MONDL J203326027

Brittany Ridenhour
Signature of notary public

BRITTANY RIDENHOUR
(Name of notary, typed, stamped or printed)
Notary Public State of Missouri

My commission expires: 8-20-2022

BRITTANY RIDENHOUR
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Jackson County
My Commission Expires Aug. 20, 2022
Commission # 18555124

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)

I originally filed my IIR which is the the 1st step in the grievance process. staff purposely lost my IIR and I didn't find out until a couple months later when I kept inquiring to the caseworker about the status of my IIR and I also had my parents contacting central office regarding the status of such complaint.

- F. If you did not file a grievance:

N/A

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here:

N/A

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any:

N/A

- G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.

My father who spoke with central office about the above (#4) has submitted an affidavit stating the above is true

(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)

VI. Previous Lawsuits

The "three strikes rule" bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has "on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

- A. To the best of your knowledge, have you ever had a case dismissed on the basis of this "three strikes rule"?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state which court dismissed your case and when it was dismissed. Attach a copy of the court's order, if possible.

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Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff as been so long ago and I don't have access to these records.

Defendant(s) N/A

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the state and county)

Wetzel County, Cole County

3. Docket or case number Don't have access to these case No.

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case See #3

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit See pg. 8 #3
6. Is the case still pending?
- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No (If no, give the approximate date of disposition): ???
7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)
Both complaints were dismissed in DeKalb county and Cobb county.
- C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No
- D. If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)
1. Parties to the previous lawsuit
- Plaintiff Don't have access to this info
- Defendant(s) N/A
2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the state and county)
3. Docket or case number Don't have access to
4. Name of Judge assigned to your case N/A
5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit N/A

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☒ No (If no, give the approximate date of disposition): _____

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)

Dismissed

VII. Certification and Closing

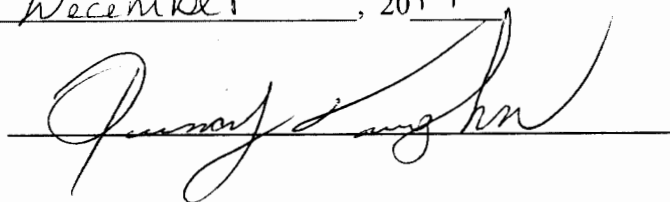
Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

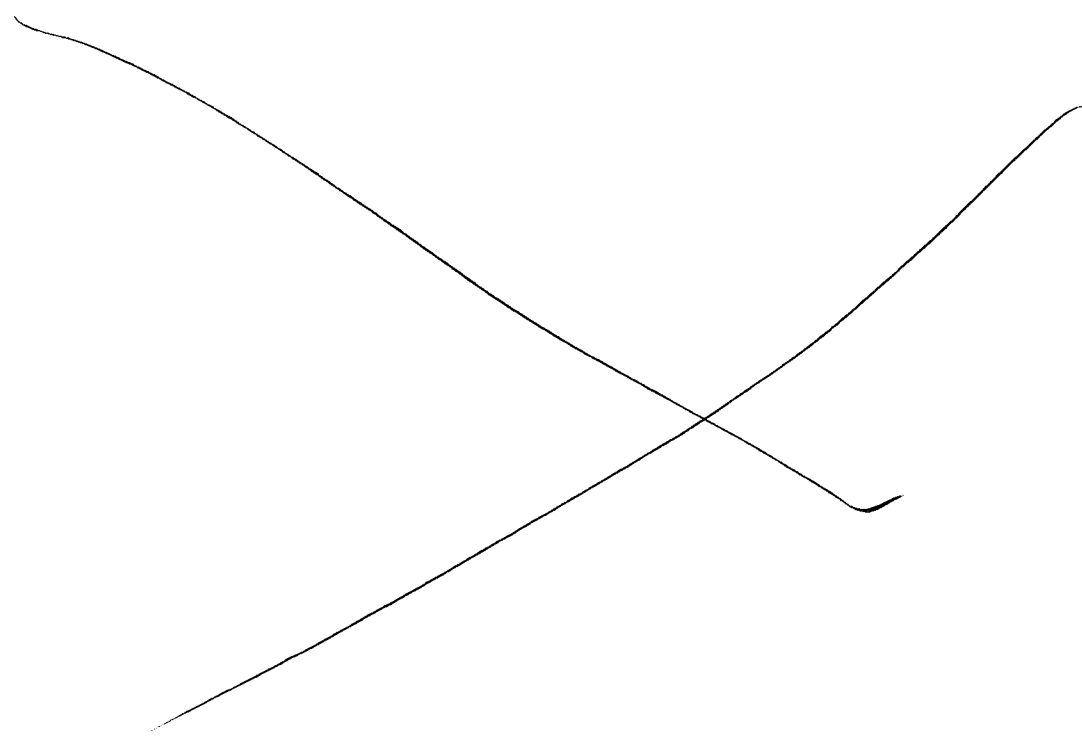
Signed this 19th day of December, 2019

Signature of Plaintiff



objection:

On the 5th of December Judge Ross (2019) stated in a order that I could not sue the defendants in both their individual capacity and official capacity, stating if I didn't change my pleading my case would face dismissal because I the Plaintiff can not sue government employee's in their official capacity. However; with all due respect I disagree, if I'm asking for some type of injunctive relief or non money damages coupled with monetary damages this should be permitted as long as I have sued in both capacities



About the Plaintiff:

It is pertinent the court take into consideration that Quincy Vaughn #1081978 (The Plaintiff) am handicapped. I am blind in one eye and am very sensitive to bright.

While it is true plaintiff is smart. His abilities to concentrate and focus on documents becomes agitated when reading for long periods of time (writing as well). Sometimes reading and writing becomes an impossible task. For this reason which I have explained and is in my medical file I respectfully request the court reconsider my motion/request for counsel.

Also I could not put this on a court approved form where I have messed it up...or shall I say I wrote on the back thinking I could turn the lawsuit in like that. So instead of sending the forms that had writing on the back I sent or use the spare forms not wanting my suit to be dismissed.

I Quincy Vaughn #1081978 hereby certify that I did on the 9th day of December did cause a true and foregoing copy to be sent to the U.S. Eastern District Court clerk.